

Goose Creek Scenic River Advisory Committee
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Minutes of the September 16, 2009 Meeting
Loudoun County Administration Building
Purcellville Room
1 Harrison Street, Leesburg, Virginia 20175

Loudoun Members Present: Chairman Helen E. Casey, Vice Chairman Joan Rokus
John Isom, Mark Peterson, Benjamin Lawrence, Stephen Combs-Lafleur, Phil Daley

Loudoun Members Absent: Lynn Gibson, Kurt Erickson (Proxy)

Fauquier Members Present:
Butter Strother, Chairman

Advisor Absent:
Anne D. Larson, Liaison to Catoclin Creek

County Staff Present: David Ward, Department of Building & Development; Marie
Genovese, Planning Department; Nicole Steele, Planning Department; Mark Novak,
Recording Secretary, PRCS

Guests: Karl Mohle, NVRPA; Karen Arnold, Loudon Water; Samantha Villegas,
Loudoun Water

Chairman's Business

Chairman Helen Casey called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. Chairman Casey reminded the committee at the last meeting she would be stepping down as Chairman and requested the committee choose a new Chairman and officers. Chairman Casey opened the floor for nominations and nominated Mark Peterson. There were no other nominations. Vice Chairman Joan Rokus motion for nominations to be closed. Committee voted unanimously for Mark Peterson for Chairman. John Isom was elected as the new Vice Chairman.

First order of business was to approve the July 15, 2009 minutes. Motion to approve minutes by Ben Lawrence; seconded by John Isom. Passed unanimously. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 18th, at 1:00 p.m. Purcellville room County Government Building.

The Chairman welcomed the guests and had brief introductions. Committee members took this time to express and honor Helen Casey for the outstanding job she had done as the committee Chairman.

Loudoun Water Update on the Potomac River Water Supply for the Central Service Area

Samantha Villegas of Loudoun Water provided follow up on the future water supply plan.

Loudoun Water (formally LCSA) has been informally planning for future use of the quarries for the last 20 years. They purchased a property along the Potomac River near the Leesburg water treatment plant in 1993, and began a more formal planning process for water intake and impoundment in 2001. "Quarry A" has been identified as the first "water bank" to hold up to one billion gallons of raw water to be pumped from the Potomac River via a future waterline running along the large transcontinental power lines. This banked water would be used during drought periods; any other time, the water line would serve directly to a future water treatment plant along Goose Creek, just north of the Dulles Greenway. Luck Stone and Loudoun Water have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to allow for water banking in Quarries A and B. This plan was adopted by the Loudoun Water Board in December 2008 after public input.

The plan calls for preservation of the 300' buffer along Goose Creek, and the water banking does not have any real environmental impact. Quarries tend to be "self-sealing" and there should not be any interaction with Goose Creek or the groundwater table. Loudoun Water may also consider passive recreation opportunities near the water banks, but not within.

Karen Arnold with Loudoun Water provides information on the permitting process. Currently applications are in review with the County, after Loudoun County legislative approval, looking for construction to began in 2012, and completion of the project is expected within 7 years thereafter.

Virginia's Scenic Rivers Program 40th Anniversary Presentation

Chairman Casey asked the committee to think of suggestions on how GCSRAC could participate. DCR wants to develop dedicated programming and celebration partners for the year-long event. They are looking to highlight festivals, floats, guided tours, etc. for promotion of the anniversary, and will sponsor a youth writing contest and photography contest. Chairman Casey asked the committee to bring back Ideas at the next meeting.

Committee Business

There being no further Committee business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark A. Novak, PRCS